

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 9, 15 and 22 are amended, claim 3 is canceled, and claims 23-26 are added.

I. THE CLAIMS DEFINE PATENTABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 1-6, 9-17 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as anticipated by US 20010055974A1 to Bates et al.; and claims 7, 8 and 18-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Bates in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,049,718A to Stewart. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The applied art does not teach, disclose or suggest a data processing unit for storing in the storage unit, data obtained by the obtaining device, the data being correlated with last location information received by the receive unit, as claimed in claim 1.

Instead, Bates discloses a portable phone 100 that correlates data input by user of the portable phone 100, such as telephone numbers, with geographical regions defined by the user using location information obtained by the portable phone 100. As such, the geographical regions as disclosed in Bates are different from the last location information, as recited in claim 1.

Additionally, Bates does not teach, disclose or suggest that when received location information is different from last received location information, data is extracted on the current received location information from among data stored in the storage unit, as claimed in claim 1.

Instead, Bates discloses a portable phone that extracts data on current geographical regions computed on the basis of current received location information from among stored data when the current geographical region is different from a last computed geographical region. As discussed above, the computed geographical regions of Bates are different from the last received location information as recited in claim 1.

Further, Bates does not teach, disclose or suggest an information notification unit for notifying a user of the portable information terminal of the information derived from the extracted data, as claimed in claim 1.

Instead, Bates discloses a portable phone that changes phone parameters by use of the extracted data. However, the portable phone of Bates does not notify a use of the portable phone of information derived from the extracted data.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons set forth above, Bates fails to disclose all of the features recited in claim 1. Claims 2, 6, 7 and 10 depend from claim 1 and therefore are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons set forth above, as well as for the additional features they recite.

With respect to claim 4, Bates does not teach, disclose or suggest the storage unit, when the instruction is made by the user in the user input unit, correlates and stores the data and the location information received by the receive unit, as claimed in claim 4.

Instead, Bates discloses a portable phone that correlates data input by a user of the portable phone, such as telephone numbers, with geographical regions defined by the user using location information obtained by the portable phone. Again, as previously discussed, the geographical regions of Bates are different from the last location information. Accordingly, claim 4 and dependent claims 8 and 11 define over the teachings of Bates.

With respect to claim 5, Bates does not teach, disclose or suggest a location information select prompting unit for prompting a user of the portable information terminal to select a location information from among pre-stored location information.

The portable phone of Bates correlates selected phone parameters with the last computed geographical region but the portable phone does not prompt the user to select a geographical region from among plural pre-stored geographical regions. Accordingly, claim 5 and dependent claim 12 define over Bates.

With respect to claim 23, neither Bates nor Stewart teach, disclose or suggest a location information select prompting unit for prompting a user of the portable information terminal to select a location information from among pre-stored location information.

The portable phone of Bates correlates selected phone parameters with the last computed geographical region, however, the portable phone does not prompt the user to select a geographical region from among plural pre-stored geographical regions.

Additionally, neither Bates nor Stewart teaches, discloses or suggest that when received location information is different from last received location information, extracting data on the current received location information from among data stored in the storage unit. Again, Bates discloses a portable phone that extracts data on current geographical region computed on the basis of current received location information from among stored data, when the current geographical region is different from last computed geographical region. However, the computed geographical regions of Bates are different from the last received location information, as claimed in claim 23.

Finally, claim 23 recites an information notification unit to notify the user of information derived from the extracted data. Bates discloses a portable phone that changes phone parameters by use of the extracted data. However, the portable phone of Bates does not notify a user of the portable phone of information derived from the extracted data.

Accordingly, for at least reasons discussed above, the independent claims define over the art of record. Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103 is respectfully requested.

II. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-26 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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